

## **FCCA SALUTES RETIRING CLERKS OF COURT**

Five Clerks of Court recently have retired, or shortly will retire, from federal service after long and distinguished careers. The *FCCA Journal* salutes each of these court administrators on the occasion of their retirement. We wish each of these fine public servants every success and happiness in the many years ahead.

**Raymond F. Burghardt      July 2, 1999**  
**Clerk of Court**  
**United States Court of International Trade**

Ray Burghardt began his federal career 34 years ago with the Department of Justice, and has served as a Clerk of Court for the past 25 years. Mr. Burghardt was appointed Clerk of Court, Southern District of New York, in June, 1973, where he served for 17 years before transferring to the District of Rhode Island for the next 5 years. He became Clerk of Court for the United States Court of International Trade in 1996.

Ray Burghardt served all three Courts with distinction. His knowledge and good fellowship will be sorely missed by his colleagues.

Ray enjoys deep sea fishing and traveling, and now finally has the time to fully pursue these avocations.

**Thomas C. Caver              May 28, 1999**  
**Clerk of Court**  
**Middle District of Alabama**

Curtis Caver has 29 years of federal court and state government service, in Alabama. Mr. Caver was appointed Clerk of Court for the Middle District of Alabama in July, 1983 and has served continuously in that position for the past 16 years.

Mr. Caver has a strong financial and business background. We wish Curtis many prosperous and happy years ahead.

**Robert F. Connor            August 1, 1999**  
**Clerk of Court**  
**Western District of Missouri**

Bob Connor was appointed Clerk of Court in Western - Missouri 25 years ago, in July, 1974. Prior to that, Mr. Connor served in state court administration for 14 years. Bob Connor has served as a Clerk of a consolidated District and Bankruptcy Court for 15 of those 25 years of federal service, including the past 13 years.

Bob Connor's accomplishments include piloting an Arbitration program in 1985; initiating electronic recording of court proceedings in 1983; coordinating new courthouse building projects in 1988 and 1998; and initiating electronic case filing in 1997. Among a long list of other notable accomplishments, Bob Connor served as President of the FCCA and was awarded the President's Award by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association in 1996, only one of four non-attorneys, including Harry S. Truman, to be so honored.

Bob is an excellent golfer and will be on the fairways even more frequently after August. We wish him only par rounds or better!

**Carlos Juenke**                      **April 1, 1999**  
**Clerk of Court**  
**Southern District of Florida**

Carlos Juenke had a long and distinguished career in the Probation Service and served as Chief of Probation in the Southern District of Florida until 1994 when he became Clerk of Court, serving in that capacity for the past 5 years.

Carlos served his Court ably in a transitional period, and has well earned a selflessly delayed retirement.

**John P. Mayer**                      **July 1, 1999**  
**District Court Administrator**  
**Eastern District of Michigan**

After 15 years in state court administration in Ohio and Michigan, John Mayer was appointed Clerk of Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in 1975, and subsequently was appointed District Court Executive in July, 1981. John Mayer has most ably served the federal judiciary in Eastern Michigan as their administrator for the past 20 years.

John also served on the Board of Editors of "The Justice System Journal" and has been a progressive court administrator throughout his career.